

City of Van Meter, Iowa  
City Council Minutes – 9-8-2014

- 1) The Van Meter City Council met for a regular council meeting on Monday, September 8, 2014 at the Veterans Reception Center. Mayor Allan Adams called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. The following council members were present upon roll call: Bob Lacy, Kim Sacker, Elizabeth Tweed, and Owen Stump. Mike Peterson was absent.

Staff present: City Administrator Jake Anderson, City Attorney Erik Fisk, and Public Safety Director William Daggett.

Members of the public present: Sam Welker, Al Suckow, Steve Meyer, John Gronwold, Barb Gronwold, Jacquie Scieszinski, Paul Scieszinski, Dean Scieszinski, Portia Haynes, Warren Brott, Deron Durflinger, Lyn Lyon, Cristie Sullivan, John Petithory and others.

- 2) Mayor Adams asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Motioned by Lacy supported by Sacker. Passed unanimously.
- 3) Introductions were made.
- 4) Mayor Adams opened the citizens hearing. Al Suckow presented concerns about the condition of East Street at the School's pedestrian underpass and increased drainage/inadequate erosion control along the School's property. Sam Welker addressed the City Council regarding a Library Board vacancy. Portia Haynes expressed thoughts about the proposed Noise Control ordinance. Hearing no further citizen comments Mayor Adams closed the citizens hearing.
- 5) Mayor Adams reviewed the consent agenda, and asked for discussion. City Administrator Anderson noted amendments to the claims list. Mayor Adams asked for a motion to adopt the revised consent agenda which included the following:

- a. Minutes of the August 11, 2014 council meeting.
- b. August Claims list.

<b>VENDOR</b>	<b>REFERENCE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
ACCO	WATER CHEMICALS	\$ 222.00
ACCUJET LLC	JET MAIN PROGRESS TO 2ND	\$ 300.00
AG SOURCE LABORATORIES	WATER TESTING	\$ 578.00
APEX COMPANIES LLC	OVER EXCAVATION	\$ 13,202.61
BARNES & NOBLE	BOOKS AND MOVIES	\$ 281.80
BOB LACY	MILEAGE WAUKEE ROUNDTrip	\$ 12.88
BOBS AUTO PARTS	OIL AND FILTER PUB WORKS	\$ 25.44
CARPENTER UNIFORM CO	PD UNIFORM PANTS AND BOOTS	\$ 357.93
CASEY'S GENERAL STORE	PW GAS	\$ 1,063.18
CENTRAL IOWA STRIPING	ST PAINT STOP BARS CROSSWALKS	\$ 400.00
CENTURY LINK	CITY HALL	\$ 374.53
COUNTRY LIVING	SUBSCRIPTION X 1 YR	\$ 15.97
CULLIGAN	AUTOMATIC RENTAL	\$ 21.95
CUSTOM LAWN CARE	REC COMPLEX	\$ 974.00
DALLAS CO SHERIFFS BEN	EXPLORER ID CARDS	\$ 8.00
DALLAS COUNTY NEWS	LEGAL PUBLICATIONS	\$ 293.02
DELTA DENTAL	Employee Dental Ins	\$ 313.82

EARL MAY	FALL PLANTS	\$ 114.95
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	\$ 2,915.08
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GALLS	CADET AND OFFICE BADGES - PD	\$ 659.10
HACH	WATER CHEMICALS	\$ 437.87
HEARTLAND COOP	SUMMER LP FILL	\$ 835.68
IFMCV	LOCAL LENDING MATCH	\$ 15,000.00
ILEA	MMPI RESERVE MP AND JP	\$ 360.00
IOWA LIBRARY SERVICES	FY2014 EBSCHOHOST SUBSCRIPTION	\$ 75.80
AMES POLICE DEPT	2014 LAW ENFORCEMENT LEADERSHI	\$ 100.00
IPERS	IPERS	\$ 3,682.40
JIMS JOHNS INC	REC COMPLEX	\$ 150.00
JONES CREEK APPAREL	TSHIRTS FOR FD	\$ 602.00
LOWE'S	FURNACE FILTERS/SHOP	\$ 68.45
MATHESON TRI GAS INC	OXYGEN	\$ 34.76
METERING & TECHNOLOGY	METER FOR SCHOOL	\$ 737.01
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	GAS/ELEC	\$ 2,516.24
OFFICE DEPOT	CABINET FOR PD	\$ 127.08
PETTY CASH	LIB POSTAGE	\$ 99.04
RHODES INC	PW DIESEL	\$ 602.91
SCHNOES & CO	2013 REC COMPLEX TAX	\$ 400.00
SENSUS USA	SOFTWARE SUPPORT 10/14-10/15	\$ 1,570.34
SQUARE, INC	CC Acceptance Fee	\$ 31.30
TASC	ANNUAL HR/COBRA ADMIN	\$ 438.00
THE HARTFORD	Employee Life/Dis Ins	\$ 235.57
TREAS - STATE OF IOWA W/H	STATE TAXES	\$ 1,090.00
ULTRAMAX	PD AMMO	\$ 141.60
UNITED TRUCK & BODY CO INC	FIRE TRUCK DEPT	\$ 2,917.24
US POSTMASTER	SEPT NEWSLETTER/UT BILLS	\$ 193.44
VAN METER COMM SCHOOL	SUMMER REC SWIMMING CITY SHARE	\$ 628.29
VAN WALL EQUIPMENT	TRACTOR OIL/LABOR	\$ 626.84
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	BLDG PERMITS/PROF SERVICES	\$ 5,074.80
WASTE CONNECTIONS	GARBAGE CONTRACT	\$ 6,075.76
WELLMARK	Employee Health Benefits	\$ 4,273.35
WELLS FARGO CC	CONSTANT CONTACT	\$ 35.00
WHITFIELD & EDDY PLC	LEGAL SERVICES	\$ 2,006.00
	***** REPORT TOTAL *****	\$ 76,326.72

c. August Financial Statement.

FUND	RECEIVED	DISBURSED
GENERAL	\$ 23,748.20	\$ 22,455.89
LIBRARY TECHNOLOGY FUND	\$ 0.01	\$ -
FARMERS MARKET	\$ 110.00	\$ -
ROAD USE TAX	\$ 11,527.28	\$ 5,727.57

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$	201.00	\$	5,027.46
EMERGENCY FUND	\$	17.38	\$	-
PARK TRUST FUND	\$	0.14	\$	-
LIBRARY TRUST FUND	\$	0.18	\$	4,380.03
VM COMMUNITY BETTERMENT	\$	-	\$	35.00
REC CAPITAL FUND	\$	-	\$	450.00
DEBT SERVICE	\$	163.01	\$	-
WATER	\$	12,000.97	\$	17,643.97
SEWER	\$	9,752.87	\$	13,295.61
<b>***REPORT TOTAL***</b>		<b>\$ 57,521.04</b>		<b>\$ 69,015.53</b>

- d. Resolution #2014-21 “A Resolution Approving the Annual Street Finance Report.”
- e. Approve the appointment of Craig Greer as a reserve police officer
- f. Approve the appointment of John Petithory as a reserve police officer
- g. Set Beggars Night on Thursday, October 30, 2014 from 6:00PM to 8:00PM
- h. Set a date and time for a public hearing on the sale of an easement 5 feet wide and 60 feet long within the public right-of-way along Pleasant Street at 119 Elm Street – October 13, 2014 at 7:00PM.

Lacy moved supported by Stump to adopt and approve Resolution #2014-22, “A Resolution Adopting the Revised Consent Agenda.” Passed unanimously.

- 6) Mayor Adams recognized Deron Durlinger who presented an update on the School’s construction project and some of the value engineered changes to the original plans that resulted in bids that came back higher than expected.
- 7) Mayor Adams recognized Brad Reiman who presented a proposal for renewing employee benefit insurance policies. Reiman explained that the renewal would decrease monthly premiums by 10.9 percent. Moved by Lacy supported by Tweed to approve the renewal. Passed unanimously.
- 8) Mayor Adams asked City Administrator Jake Anderson to present the proposed ordinance amending the code of ordinances concerning Noise Control. Anderson explained that the Policy Committee had formulated revisions and asked the City Council in August to set a time and place for a public hearing. Council Member Lacy explained the Policy Committee’s recommendation. Mayor Adams opened the public hearing on the first reading of the proposed ordinance. Anderson noted the public comment received in writing. Mayor Adams then recognized Lyn Lyon and Steve Meyer who questioned the Council. Al Suckow suggested the proposal be expanded to include construction noise. Sam Welker questioned the Council about taking trash out after 9:00PM. Warren Brott expressed support for keeping Sunday’s quiet. Paul Scieszinski expressed concerns about the costs of sound equipment permits. Portia Haynes alleged that he City had not communicated with the stakeholders and encouraged the Council to meet with them. Cristie Sullivan alleged observing self-interest and bias. Hearing no further public comment Mayor Adams closed the public hearing and asked for a motion to approve the first reading of the proposed ordinance. Moved by Lacy. Hearing no support the motion failed.

9) Department/Committee Reports

Anderson reminded the City Council of the League of Cities annual conference later in September.

Councilmember Lacy reported on the activities of the economic development group.

- 10) Having no other business Mayor Adams asked for a motion to adjourn. Moved by Lacy supported by Sacker. Passed unanimously.

\_\_\_\_\_ Allan B. Adams, Mayor

ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_ Liz Thompson, City Clerk